

Tour 02 – Thailand nature round trip and beach

Bangkok – Khao Yai – Ayutthaya – Chiang Rai – Chiang Mai – Phuket or Khao Lak (15 days, 14 nights)

This is a special program created for you who love to enjoy nature and landscape that is different from your country. The trip start from Bangkok further to Khao Yai National Park then go to Ayutthaya. Then go by flight to Northern Thailand to enjoy the diversity. Lastly, end your trip at Khao Lak at a beach front hotel to complete your wonderful stay.

The tour is running by private minivan with your private experienced English speaking guide at your service.

Day 1: Arrive Bangkok & Dinner cruise (D)

After arrival at Bangkok Airport, meet your airport representative and the driver will drive in private transport to your comfortable in the city. Check in and relax. (Please note normal check in time is 14.00 hrs.)

At 17.00, your guide will go to meet you at hotel lobby and transfer together by private transport to the pier to board the wonderful cruise for an incredible dinner cruise along the Chao Phraya River, the heart of Bangkok during the night time. The Grand Palace with beautiful lighting is the best background along your cruising time.

After 2 hours trip. Your guide and driver will drive you back to the hotel. Overnight in Bangkok.

Day 2: Bangkok Tour (B,L)

After breakfast, meet your guide at the lobby and go together by minivan to the great marble temple in Bangkok, called Wat Benchamabophit. It is regarded one of the most beautiful temples in Thailand, traditional Thai symmetrical architecture designed by Prince Naris, a son of King Rama IV and one of the greatest architects during his time, and fine marble imported from Italy. Inside the main ordination hall you will see the most beautiful Buddha Image.

Later we move to Vimanmek Mansion, your Bangkok itinerary wouldn't be complete without a visit to the world's largest teak architecture. Vimanmek is the main structure in the complex of Dusit Palace. The design was inspired by Victorian architecture, with interiors finished with five different theme colors: blue, green, pink, ivory and peach. The 81-room mansion now exhibits royal amenities and furniture belonged to King Rama V.

It's time for lunch. We go further for a short drive to have Thai lunch at local restaurant by the river. Followed by a boat trip to the small canals to see the local life. It is not a picture that you can see from your country, people spend their daily life along the river. Kids jump from the balcony of their house directly to the river or the sellers row the boat to sell all kind of items you want and much more pictures to be seen by your own eyes.

Disembark at the temple of Reclining Buddha or widely known as Wat Pho, was built in the 16th century and regarded as the royal temple of the reign of King Rama I, is famous for two things: (1) the 46-meter-long Reclining Buddha built in 1832 featuring the feet beautifully inlaid with mother-of-pearls and (2) the Thai massage.

Wat Pho is also regarded as the country's first public university as when King Rama III ordered a restoration of the temple, he demanded a revision of lost sciences, segmented into eight categories and engraved them onto several stone inscriptions (later been registered the UNESCO Memory of the



World since 2008) so people were free to read and learn—and Thai massage was one of eight the categories. After wandering around wall paintings, you can stop by at the massage pavilion to try traditional Thai massage using ancient techniques to release muscle tensions. A selection of Thai massage courses are also available for you for 1 hour try. Later, go back to your hotel with your guide on private minivan. Evening is on your own leisure. *Overnight in Bangkok.*

Day 3: Bangkok- Khao Yai (B,L)

After breakfast at hotel, check out and meet your guide to leave for Khao Yai. Stop on the way at Gran Monte Winery for wine tour including wine tasting and exclusive Western Set lunch in the vineyard. After lunch we continue to Khao Yai National Park, enjoy the nature of the first and biggest National park of Thailand. Start a soft trekking on easy level only flat terrain (no up-down hill) for about 1 hour. Then drive to visit the biggest Waterfalls in the Park , spend your time in the forest. At a good time, leave for your hotel nearby to check in and relax. Overnight at your comfortable hotel near Khao Yai.

Day 4: Khao Yai – Ayutthaya (B,L)

After breakfast, check out and leave for Ayutthaya at 08.00, first visit is Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, a complex of royal residences first built in around the 17th century to serve as a summer palace of Ayutthaya kings. It was later abandoned and ruined until King Mongkut (Rama IV) restored the complex. Most of the buildings we see today were ordered to build during the reign of King Chulalongkorn (Rama V), who regularly spent his summers here with his royal consorts.

Then moving closer to the historical town. Try a light lunch at local restaurant by the river. After lunch, try a long-tailed boat trip around the town, passing the main attractions and beautiful landscape along the river especially the ancient temples and ruins around the town.

Disembark at the pier and drive to your hotel, please feel free to let your guide know if you are interested to visit the historical park either by private Tuk-Tuk or by your minivan.

Free evening on own leisure. Overnight in Ayutthaya.

Day 5: By flight from Bangkok to Chiang Rai (B)

Breakfast at hotel, check out and leave Ayutthaya at 08.00, proceed to Bangkok Airport for 1.30 hours drive for your direct flight at 11.50 to Chiang Rai.

Upon arrival at Chiang Rai, your experienced English Speaking guide at Chiang Rai will be waiting to pick you up with sign name.

Go by private minivan for 1 hour drive to the Golden Triangle. It is a must to complete the trip to Chiang Rai province. This is the famous location where the borders of Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar meet in the middle of the Mekong River. The Golden Triangle was formerly known as the world's major producer of opium, which was later improved by the Royal Projects. Sop Ruak is its nickname called by the locals, representing it is where Mekong and Ruak rivers join. It is also the birthplace of various legends of the Lanna culture.

From here, it is the time to try a boat trip along the Great Mekhong River to visit Laos border market, where you can absolutely get the best experience along with an incredible scenery.



Late afternoon, driver back to your best hotel in Chiang Rai located along the river. Free evening on your own time. Overnight in Chiang Rai.

Day 6: Chiang Rai (B,L)

Breakfast at hotel, heading to the world famous White Temple, or Wat Rong Khun is regarded as one of the most beautiful temples built in this century. A masterpiece of artist Chaloemchai Kositpipat, famed for his extravagant and unique Buddhism-related paintings, Wat Rong Khun reflects the artist's grand visions of heaven, hell and Nirvana. The main assembly hall and adjacent area are carved in white with glass mosaics.

Later, drive for 1 hour to Doi Mae Salong, the tea plantation. Set in the picturesque and serene hill, Doi Mae Salong was once the community of Santi Khiri, the Chinese 93rd Divisions who escaped from the political tension in Burma in 1961. Today, Doi Mae Salong has become one of the main tourist attractions in Chiang Rai, offering the succulent native Chinese cuisine, lovely houses with flowers and many plantations from fruits to coffee and tea while there are still many tribes living there. Try Yunnan (Chinese style) lunch here at a nice restaurant on the mountain.

Followed by a visit to Doi Tung Royal Villa and its botanical garden, the former house of the King's Mother. The architecture is in Lanna style, emphasizing on simplicity. The villa is surrounded by a variety of flora, giving a pleasing shady atmosphere to the environment.

Doi Tung Royal Villa was built on the hill, giving a terrific sight of the vast landscape. It features a combination of Lanna architecture (a northern Thai slab wood house with Kalae Top) and the Swiss-style Chalet.

Late afternoon, driver back to your hotel in Chiang Rai. Free evening on your own time. Overnight in Chiang Rai.

Day 7: Chiang Rai – Chiang Mai (B)

Breakfast at hotel, at 09.00 AM leave for Chiang Mai on a scenic road. Stop to visit the hot spring to relax and enjoy the nature.

Continue driving to Chiang Mai . Check in and relax at your hotel in the old quarter.

Early evening, drive to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, the most famous and important temple in Chiang Mai every visitor must pay a visit. On top of Doi Suthep Hill, at 3,520 feet above sea level, finds the revered golden Phra That (chedi) of Wat Phra That Doi Suthep rises against the sunlight. The temple was built in 1383 to enshrine Buddha's relics. You can actually drive uphill to the higher platform but a lot of devout Buddhists choose to pilgrim by walking 290 steps up to the hilltop. After praying the Phra That for good lucks, do not forget to proceed to the terrace to soak up panoramic views of Chiang Mai town and surrounding countrysides at sunset time.

Driver back to your hotel. Free evening on your own time. Overnight in Chiang Mai.

Day 8: Chiang Mai (B,L)



After breakfast, meet your guide and go by minivan to Doi Inthanon National Park, Part of the Himalayan mountain range, Doi Inthanon is Thailand's tallest peak at 2,565 metres above the sea level. Doi Inthanon National Park covers an area of 482.4 square kilometers in three districts of Chiang Mai province.

Here you can enjoy waterfalls and nature as well as a hill tribe visit at their local village in the mountain to see their houses, the very small school and their daily life.

At a good time, back to your hotel. Meals are on your own. Overnight in Chiang Mai

Day 9: Chiang Mai – Phuket- Khao Lak (B)

After breakfast, check out and get ready to be transferred to Chiang Mai airport for your flight to Phuket.

Upon arrival at Phuket Airport, meet your airport representative for your transport to Khao Lak in 1.30 hours. Check in at your beach front hotel and relax your own time on daybed at your private balcony. Enjoy see, sand and sun. Overnight at Khao Lak.

Day 10-14: Khao Lak (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Free time on own leisure. Relax on the beach and swimming pool. Lunch and dinner are on your own. Overnight at Khao Lak.

Day 15: Departure (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Free time until transfer to Phuket airport for home flight or moving to another destination.